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Restrictions on the promotion of agricultural graduates holding the B.Sc. degree.

* 513 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to shut out agricultural graduates holding the B.Sc. degree from the gazetted rank in the Science section of the department, unless they are Honours B.A.'s or M.A.'s?

A.—No.

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Preparatory class in the Widows' Home, Triplicane.

* 514 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a preparatory class attached to the Widows' Home, Triplicane, under Government management and control with a tutor sanctioned for the class;

(*b*) when the class and the post of tutor were abolished and why they were abolished;

(*c*) whether Sister R. S. Subbulakshmi Ammal, Superintendent of the Widows' Home, continued this class under her management and control and also threw it open to day scholars;

(*d*) whether she had the sanction of Government for managing these classes and holding them in the Widows' Home;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that Government scholarships were sanctioned for the pupils of these classes and if so, how many of each kind were sanctioned during each of these years;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that Government scholarships are not tenable in unrecognized schools or classes and, if so, how and why such scholarships were sanctioned for pupils reading in these classes;

(*g*) who is responsible for this irregularity and what is the total amount expended on this account till now;

(*h*) whether any applications for Government scholarships on behalf of these pupils have been received and whether it is proposed to sanction them this year too;

(*i*) whether there is any proposal to accord official sanction for conducting these classes privately this year and taking them over under Government management from next year;

(*j*) whether the reasons that led to the abolition of these classes and their teacher before have now ceased to operate and, if so, in what manner; and

(*k*) how many of the girls who studied in these classes in 1930–31 were admitted into the College this year and how many were refused admission?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The post of tutor was abolished on 1st March 1925 as it was considered unnecessary. The class continued.

(*c*) Yes. Day scholars were occasionally admitted.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes; figures for the last three years are given below:—.

		Widow scholarships.	Residential scholarships for unmarried non-Brahman Hindu girls.
1928–29	...	4	2
1929–30	...	10	3
1930–31	...	4	2

(*f*) Any poor inmates of the Ice House Hostel were eligible for the scholarships in question.

(*g*) Does not arise.

(*h*) Yes; the applications are under consideration.

(*i*) & (*j*) The question is under consideration.

(*k*) Eighteen girls who received private tuition were admitted into the Secondary school attached to the College and none were refused admission.

Selection grade for college assistant professors in the Subordinate Educational Service.

* 515 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether college assistant professors in the Subordinate Educational Service have a selection grade of only 5 per cent, whereas school assistants have it to the extent of 25 per cent of their cadre;

(*b*) whether the starting pay of the two sets of officers is the same and also their qualifications; and

(*c*) if not, what is the object of having the same maximum pay for both?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Neither the starting pay nor the qualifications prescribed for appointment are the same.

(*c*) The assumption that the maximum pay is the same in both cadres is not correct.

Proposed shifting of the Government Training School for Muhammadan Mistresses, Guntur.

* 516 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government Training School for Muhammadan Mistresses, Guntur, is proposed to be shifted from its present premises to another building and if so, for what reasons; and

(*b*) whether the inspecting authorities have received representations to the effect that the present premises being situated in the heart of Muhammadan quarters is admirably suited for the school, and that the transference thereof to another place will impair the usefulness and popularity of the institution and seriously affect the strength and attendance in the Model section?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government do not propose to transfer the school from its present premises.